



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

September 29, 2006

**RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINIMUM PRICES FOR CLASSES 2, 3, 4a and 4b
MARKET MILK**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

On the reverse side of this page are the minimum prices for Classes 2, 3, 4a and 4b market milk for September, October and November 2006. All prices are f.o.b. milk processing plant. As provided in the Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk (Plans), milk handlers shall pay producers the minimum prices for market milk components sold or used for all Classes 2, 3, 4a and 4b purposes as specified on the reverse side of this page. As of October 1, 2006 the component and hundredweight prices for Classes 2 and 3 **no longer** include Milk Producers Security Trust Fund charges.

If market milk components are purchased f.o.b. producer's dairy location, haul deductions may be made as provided in the Plans.

Equivalent hundredweight prices shown in the right-hand column are based upon milk that is 3.5% fat and 8.7% solids-not-fat (SNF). These classified minimum prices that processors must pay for milk received from producers are calculated based upon mathematical formulas. The formulas are established and amended as needed through a public hearing process. These formulas include commercial prices for manufactured dairy products (butter, Cheddar cheese western dry whey and nonfat dry milk). These commercial prices are also listed on the reverse side of this page.

You can access class price information over the Internet on the Department's dairy homepage at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy>. From the main menu, select the [Dairy Prices] link and then the [Minimum Class Price Letters] link. Once there, be sure to make a bookmark for future reference. Current class price information is also available on a recorded message. Please call (800) 503-3490 to hear the recording. If you are calling from Sacramento, or from outside of California, please call (916) 442-MILK.

For more information, please contact us at the telephone number or e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

David K. Ikari, Chief
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**MINIMUM PRICES FOR CLASSES 2, 3, 4a & 4b MARKET MILK
F.O.B. PROCESSING PLANT**

Released: September 29, 2006

CLASS 2:			EQUIVALENT
For October and November 2006	LB. FAT	LB. SNF	PER CWT.
Northern California	\$1.3793	\$0.7479	\$11.33
Southern California	\$1.3816	\$0.7737	\$11.57

CLASS 3:			EQUIVALENT
For October and November 2006	LB. FAT	LB. SNF	PER CWT.
Northern California	\$1.3793	\$0.7422	\$11.28
Southern California	\$1.3816	\$0.7422	\$11.29

CLASS 4a:			EQUIVALENT
September 2006	LB. FAT	LB. SNF	PER CWT.
Statewide	\$1.3769	\$0.6863	\$10.79

CLASS 4b:			EQUIVALENT
September 2006	LB. FAT	LB. SNF	PER CWT.
Statewide	\$1.3769	\$0.8107	\$11.87

COMMODITY MARKET PRICES:	\$ PER LB.
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Grade AA Butter - Daily Simple Average (August 26th - September 25th)	\$1.3319
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Block Cheddar Cheese - Daily Simple Average (August 26th - September 25th)	\$1.3041
California Extra Grade & Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk - Monthly Weighted Average (August 26th - September 25th)	\$0.8383
Western Dry Whey (Mostly) - Monthly Simple Average (August 26th - September 25th)	\$0.3213

Component and hundredweight prices for Classes 2 & 3 no longer include Milk Producer Security Trust Fund charges, effective October 1, 2006.

November 2006 Class 1 prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2006.

December 2006 and January 2007 Class 2 and 3 prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2006.

October 2006 Class 4a and 4b prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2006.